

MINUTES

North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

Office of Attorney General Conference Room, Bismarck

Wednesday, January 24, 2017

12:00 P.M.

Members Present: Representative Pamela Anderson
Senator Dick Dever
Ms. Casey Goodhouse
Mr. Mike Sandal
Mr. Troy Seibel
Ms. Yvonne Smith
Ms. Kim Wassim

Member Absent: Ms. Arvy Smith

Via Conference Call: Chairman Jon Strinden

Others Present: Ms. Jan Lund, NDPERS
Ms. Kim Humann, NDPERS
Ms. Kathy Allen, NDPERS
Mr. Bryan Reinhardt, NDPERS
Ms. Rebecca Fricke, NDPERS
Ms. Sharon Schiermeister, NDPERS
Ms. Aime Miller, NDPERS
Ms. MaryJo Steffes, NDPERS
Ms. Jan Murtha, Office of the Attorney General
Mr. Michael Klepatz, Sanford Health Plan
Mr. Steve Webster, Sanford Health Plan
Ms. Lisa Carlson, Sanford Health Plan
Ms. Molly Carmody, Sanford Health Plan
Ms. Sarah Johnson, ND United
Mr. Chad Oban, ND United

Chairman Strinden called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

LEGISLATION

HB 1403

Mr. Collins highlighted provisions of HB 1403 relating to pharmacy benefit management. Staff recommends taking a neutral position on this bill and offer Deloitte comments in testimony. Staff also suggests offering a suggested change to make this as preferred criteria rather than mandatory criteria in the RFP contract.

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS THE BOARD DIRECTED PERS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH TESTMONY ACCORDING TO BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION.

HB 1406

Mr. Collins provided an overview of the three major provisions of HB 1406. First is to move the contracting period from July to June to January to December every two years. It was noted in the review that it will result in an increase in premium or a reduction in benefits. Staff recommendation is to oppose unless additional funding is provided. Second is to require a bid every 2 years. Recommendation is take a neutral position on this provision but recommendation to leave it as is or every 4 years as our statutory requirement for self insurance. Third is an emergency clause. Recommendation is a neutral position.

The board discussed the two bills and questions of staff.

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS THE BOARD DIRECTED PERS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH TESTMONY IN OPPOSITION OF CHANGE IN CONTRACTING PERIOD, THE 2-YEAR REQUIREMENT ON BIDS, AND EMERGENCY CLAUSE ACCORDING TO BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION.

HB 1407

Mr. Collins presented an overview of the two major provisions to this bill. First is to require a bid every 2 years. Recommendation is take a neutral position but to recommend to leaving it as is or every 4 years as our statutory requirement for self insurance. Second is an emergency clause. Staff recommendation is to oppose this provision as it doesn't leave adequate time to get work done by July.

BY GENERAL CONSENSUS THE BOARD DIRECTED PERS STAFF TO PROCEED WITH TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO THE BILL ACCORDING TO BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Prepared by,

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